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For: VARNISH AND ITS USE FOR PRODUCING VARNISH COATINGS AND COLOR-AND/OR EFFECT-

PRODUCING MULTI-LAYER COATINGS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted with the application for entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II. This application is based on PCT/EP00/06107 filed on 30 June 2000.

In connection with the filing of this National Phase application, please make the following preliminary amendments.

Claims pending after entry of the Preliminary amendment are 1-7 and new claims 13-14.

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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